NRCS
Natural Resources Conservation Service

Performance and Results Measurement System

What is the Performance and Results Measurement System (PRMS)?

The Performance & Results Measurement System (PRMS), the performance measurement component of the Integrated Accountability System, is an Internet-based web site that allows NRCS and its Partners to report progress across the Nation for the key conservation performance measures.

What are the benefits of using PRMS?

PRMS provides "real-time" information on accomplishments through a centralized data warehouse. Reports of agency performance are easily accessed by visitors to the PRMS website.

PRMS is easy to use, and increases the efficiency of data entry and information retrieval compared to NRCS's previous progress reporting systems. Map-based data entry and simplified data entry is integral to ease of use.

PRMS field data entry screens are easy to use.

Because, PRMS is a web-based application, it does not require installation of hardware or software at the state and field level. Changes to address local needs and emerging issues can be easily accommodated, saving additional staff time and dollars.
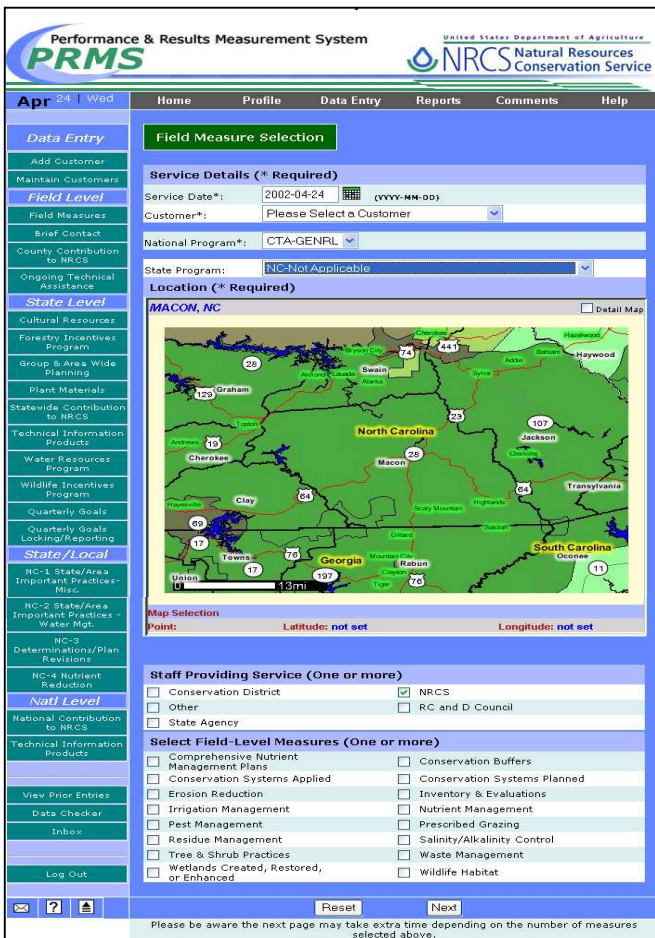
Who enters data into PRMS?

Data are entered into PRMS by staff at every level. Field and partner employees can enter progress at any time while state and national level data are collected quarterly.

What data are collected?

PRMS is designed primarily to collect performance data on the key national activities needed to monitor national progress toward the performance targets in the agency strategic and performance plan. However, PRMS allows the use of locally defined options to address state or local priorities. Some of PRMS data are extracted from other databases, requiring no additional data collection. Some nationally required reporting items include:

- *Customers Assisted*
- *Conservation Systems Planned & Applied*
- *Key Conservation Treatments*
- *NRCS Program Tracking*
- *Group and Area-wide Conservation Planning*
- *Contributions to NRCS Programs*
- *Information & Technology Product Distribution*
- *Success Stories*

How do I view PRMS Reports?

Reports from PRMS are available at the Performance and Results Measurement System Web site:

prmsreports.nrcs.usda.gov

Specific PRMS reports are found under each of the report sections. These reports can be displayed for the entire Nation or by state. Progress for performance measures can be summarized by state, county, watershed, Conservation District, or Congressional District.

What types of Reports are available?

Users can customize reports to display maps, tables, and charts for specific performance measures. Some of the available reports include:

Customers Assisted - by customer type, type of assistance provided, and program participation.

Inventory and Evaluations - by service provided.

Conservation Systems - planned and applied, by level of treatment and landuse.

Key Conservation Treatments - for specific conservation practices or systems, or as summaries of treatments applied.

Past Year Accomplishments – performance collected through PRMS for FY1999, FY2000, and FY2001.

Example tabular report, by Nation, Region, and State

Conservation Systems Planned

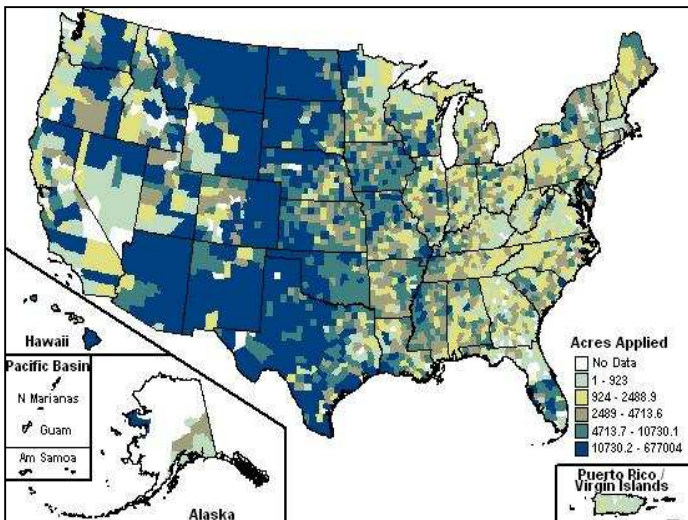| Location	Planned Progressive on Cultivated Cropland (including CRP Land)	Planned Progressive on Non-Cultivated Cropland/Hayland	Planned Progressive on Grazed Land	Planned Progressive on Forest Land	Planned Progressive on Urban and Built Up Land	Planned Progressive on Other Land	Planned to RMS on Cultivated Cropland (including CRP Land)	Planned to RMS on Non-Cultivated Cropland/Hayland	Planned to RMS on Grazed Land	Planned to RMS on Forest Land	Planned to RMS on Urban and Built Up Land	Planned to RMS on Other Land
National	1,190,928	47,062	740,473	92,055	23,242	27,795	1,755,356	140,189	3,074,099	165,587	9,529	113,253
Region:												
East	42,911	5,632	10,250	11,828	9,475	2,202	146,217	11,228	23,553	22,550	383	6,597
Midwest	536,734	5,829	29,075	5,716	9,717	7,682	610,964	13,044	88,812	31,056	3,078	14,251
Northern Plains	243,859	11,964	238,179	598	310	5,039	433,572	58,821	911,957	3,528	410	37,173
South Central	181,743	5,493	208,264	7,886	732	7,469	280,247	12,328	997,652	28,896	1,112	24,667
Southeast	89,198	8,936	43,538	25,235	1,895	3,401	203,507	26,523	150,113	74,392	4,121	20,894
West	96,483	9,209	211,166	40,692	1,112	2,003	80,849	18,244	901,912	5,166	425	7,672
State:												
Alabama	12,974	2,404	7,525	4,248	83	370	18,936	4,610	24,776	9,457	58	1,365
Alaska	118	32	20	40	12	300	155	626	28,704	492	3	99
American Samoa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Arizona	4,653	59	27,985	0	80	0	14,465	1,299	344,204	0	0	2,138
Arkansas	9,426	472	7,675	4,458	660	111	39,342	1,655	42,065	16,936	723	2,507
California	11,105	1,387	25,253	3,869	965	741	3,114	679	31,749	899	90	290
Colorado	59,901	1,769	50,153	0	180	986	57,444	2,701	110,344	544	0	18,134

How will PRMS information be used?

1) Information from PRMS allows managers to track our progress towards performance goals, and provide the foundation for NRCS' Annual Performance Report for the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) and the President's Management Agenda.

PRMS results are integrated with other internal and external data and models to report progress towards broad environmental and economic outcomes.

2) Together with information from other components of the Integrated Accountability System, such as Workload Analysis (WLA), and the Total Cost Accounting System (TCAS), PRMS information will be used to provide information necessary for agency management activities, such as workforce planning, budgeting, and performance planning. This will also provide NRCS with the ability to report strategic priorities and agency workload and accomplishments to the Administration, Congress, our Partners, and the public.

Where to get more information on PRMS

For more detailed information, visit the PRMS Website at ***www.nrcs.usda.gov/prms*** and click the HELP button, or call the NRCS Strategic and Performance Planning Division at (202) 690-0467.

PRMS data, displayed in maps and accompanying tables, are updated daily, for real-time monitoring of agency activities.

Acres Applied
- No Data
- 1 - 923
- 924 - 2488.9
- 2489 - 4713.6
- 4713.7 - 10730.1
- 10730.2 - 677004